

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1193

By Hulsey

A RESOLUTION to thank Bridget Fendler for her honorable and astute service to the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those invaluable public servants who facilitate the legislative process by assisting members in their elected duties; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Fendler, executive secretary for Representative Bud Hulsey, is one such estimable legislative employee, who is taking a much-deserved retirement this year after a distinguished career with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fendler has provided dedicated and efficient service since becoming a member of the legislative staff in 1992 during the 98th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious twenty-six-year tenure, she has served, in addition to Representative Hulsey, Representatives Peggy Knight, Joe Fowlkes, Bob Patton, Tommy Haun, Judd Matheny, Tom Dubois, Ralph Cole, Gene Davidson, Bob Bibb, and Kent Williams, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Fendler served Speaker Williams with distinction during a notable transitional period in Tennessee state politics; though she lost her dear mother during this time, she still managed to serve the Speaker's Office with great success and honor; and

WHEREAS, in her most recent position as executive secretary to Representative Bud Hulsey, Ms. Fendler has rendered sterling service; she worked tirelessly, ever at the ready and always able to come through no matter what was asked of her; and

WHEREAS, a truly nonpartisan public servant, Ms. Fendler has served Democrats, Republicans, and Independents with the same dedication, honesty, and trustworthiness, bringing her keen sense of humor and humble, down-to-earth nature to each post, much to the delight of all who had the privilege of working with her; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Fendler's versatility and ability to find common ground with individuals from all walks of life perhaps stems from her childhood experiences; growing up in a military family, she lived in North Carolina, Kansas, Georgia, Tennessee, and Vietnam. It is perhaps also this same patchwork of experiences and insight into the life of military service that imbued her with a sense of compassion and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Fendler is grateful for the love and support she shares with her family, both biological and chosen; she is a wonderful sister, aunt, and friend to so many and is always the first person to help when anyone she loves is in need; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Fendler's kind-hearted generosity extends to animals as well; she feeds the deer in her neighborhood and takes care of stray animals when they are sick or hungry; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fendler is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we thank Bridget Fendler for her honorable and astute service to the General Assembly, salute her illustrious career, and extend to her our best wishes for much happiness and many new adventures during her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.